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SUBJECT: A.S. INDUSTRIES VS. MAMADU DARAMEY

REF: (A) STATE 279972; (B) MONROVIA 7385; (C) USDOC 196

1. COMMERCIAL ATTACHE ATTEMPTED SEVERAL TIMES LOCATE EITHER DARAMEY OR JAWARA AT ADDRESS GIVEN IN CORRESPONDENCE FROM COMMERCE (32 NEWPORT ST.). ADDRESS RAMSHACKLE BUILDING WHOSE INHABITANTS REPORTED ARAMEY LIVES NEXT DOOR. ON EACH VISIT PEOPLE THAT LOCATION TOLD COMMERCIAL ATACHE DARAMEY QTE OUT BUT WILL BE BACK UNQTE. (WE HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING IF THIS REFERS TO SAME DARAMEY IN REFTELS OR NOT.) WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS CONTACT DARAMEY.

2. EMBASSY PREPARED TO OFFER ALL APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE TO LAWYER FOR COHEN AND INGBER AS SOON AS HE RETAINED, BUT FEEL LITTLE ELSE CAN BE DONE UNTIL SUCH TIME. ONLY OTHER POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE IS TO REQUEST MINFIN TOLBERT CHECK INTO DETAILS OF CASE AND THIS APPEARS OF QUESTIONABLE VALUE AT THIS TIME

3. IT WAS ANNOUNCED JAN 8 THAT THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS ISAAC RANDOLPH, HIS DEPUTY AND ANOTHER OFFICIAL WERE FORCED TO RESIGN QTE FOR REASONS CONNECTED WITH THE LOW EFFICIENCY OF THEIR INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE UNQTE. WE HAVE NO RPT NO INFORMATION IF THIS RELATED TO DIAMOND CASE BUT IN VIEW STATEMENT RANDOLPH ALLEGEDLY MADE TO INGBER THAT DIAMOND TRANSACTION QTE FIX UNQTE, THIS TURN OF EVENTS OBVIOUSLY COMPLICATES SITUATION.

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4. IN VIEW OF CHARGES INVOLVEMENT OF PRESIDENT'S SON A.B. TOLBERT, IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY HELPFUL IF WASHINGTON COULD FURNISH US WITH ALL POSSIBLE CONCRETE EVIDENCE OF SUCH INVOLVEMENT FOR USE AT SUCH TIME EMBASSY MAKES OFFICIAL REPRESENTATION TO GOL. CERTIFIED COPIES OF CUSTOMS RECEIPT AND ANY LETTERS FROM TOLBERT HIMSELF WOULD CERTAINLY BE USEFUL. ALSO, DETAILS OF BONA FIDES OF COHEN AND INGBER COULD BE USED TO REFUTE CHARGES OF MALFEASANCE ON THEIR PART THAT ARE SURE TO COME ONCE THE FAT HITS THE FIRE.

5. AS YET THERE HAS BEEN NO INDICATION IN PRESS OF INCARCERATION OF DARAMEY, KENNEDY, AND OTHERS (REF C). VISIT BF COMMATT TO DARAMEY RESIDENCE PRODUCED NO RPT NO NOTICEABLE ALARM ON PART OF PERSONS. RESIDENTS DISCLAIMED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF OMAROU JARAWA WHO CLAIMS TO BE DARAMEY'S BROTHER IN COPY OF LETTER FORWARDED BY COMMERCE.
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